

Table 13: Distribution of Title IV Applicants by Pell Grant Eligibility Status and Income Range

Table 13 presents a distribution of Title IV applicants by Federal Pell Grant eligibility status and income range. Unlike other tables in the End-of-Year Report, Table 13 is based on data collected by the Management Information System (MIS) of the Central Processing System (CPS). It contains information on the total Title IV applicant pool rather than total recipients. The family income categories used in Table 13 are derived from the CPS MIS reports and consequently differ from other tables in this report.

More Independent Applicants Qualify For Grants Than Dependents. Approximately 63.0 percent of all applicants are qualified (or eligible) to receive a Federal Pell Grant. Table 13 further supports the conclusion that independents qualified for grants at a higher rate than dependents. In 1994-95, 91.4 percent of independent applicants with dependents and 60.1 percent of independents without dependents are eligible to receive a grant, compared to 47.8 percent of dependent applicants.

The difference in eligibility rates for independents and dependents is directly related to the difference in incomes for the two groups of applicants. Independent applicants with dependents clearly report lower incomes on the whole, with 51.6 percent reporting income of \$10,000 or less.

Only 29.1 percent of dependents report income in these lower ranges. In contrast, 39.5 percent of dependent applicants report income over \$20,000 in comparison to 20.1 percent of independent applicants with dependents. As shown in earlier tables, Federal Pell Grants are directed towards the lowest income students. Therefore, independent applicants, who traditionally report lower incomes, are more likely to qualify for a grant. The differences in income by dependency status are shown in Figure 16.

Low-Income Applicants Qualify At Very High Rate. Low income applicants, dependent and independent alike, qualify for grants with a much higher frequency than higher income counterparts. Nearly all (96.1 percent) applicants reporting \$10,000 or less income are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant. The small percentage of low-income applicants that do not qualify most likely reported sizable assets. Only about 32.6 percent of those applicants reporting income greater than \$20,000 are eligible to receive a grant.

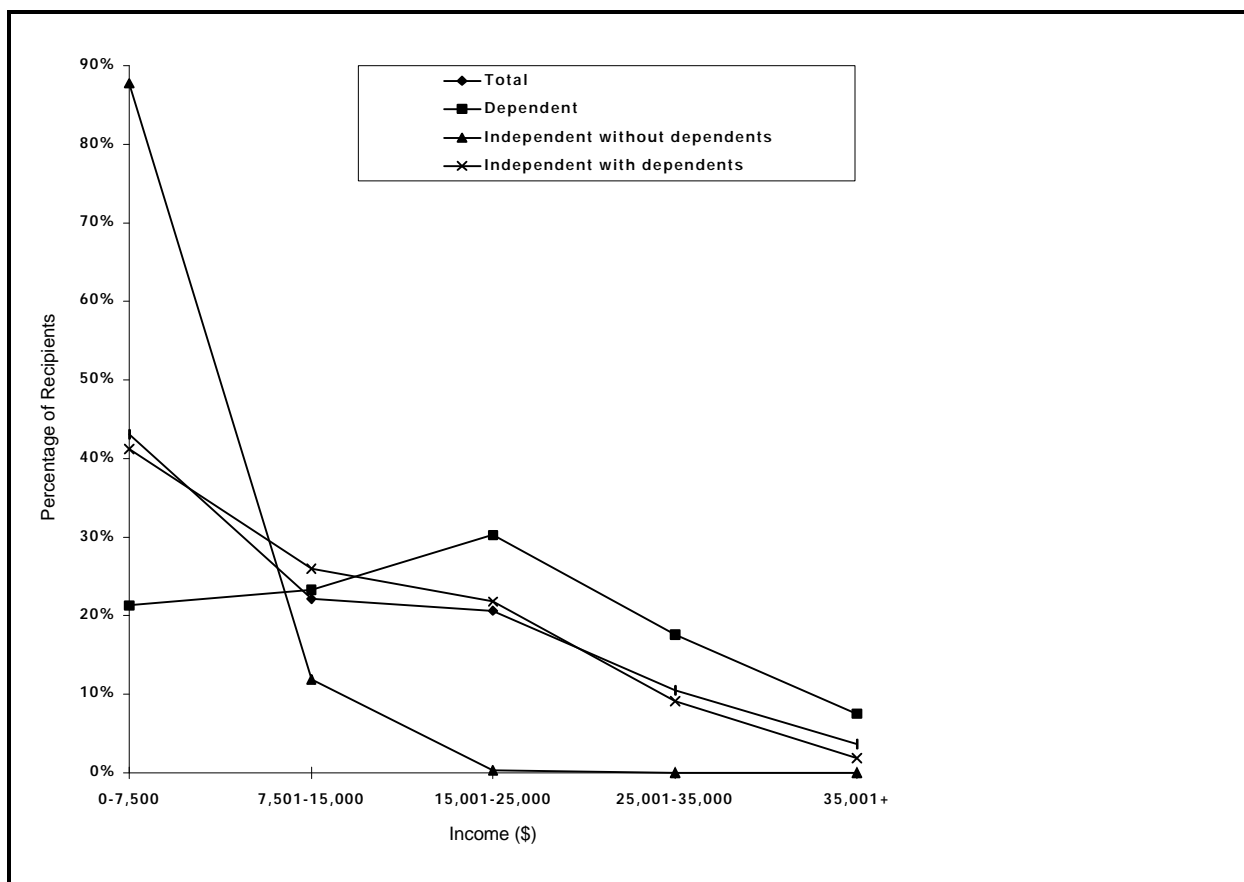


Figure 16: Distribution of Title IV Applicants by Family Income

TABLE 13 DISTRIBUTION OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS BY ELIGIBILITY STATUS AND INCOME RANGE (PART 1 OF 4) AWARD PERIOD 1994-95											
ALL VALID APPLICANTS											
	INCOME RANGES										
	\$0- 4,000	\$4,001- 7,500	\$7,501- 10,000	\$10,001- 12,000	\$12,001- 15,000	\$15,001- 20,000	\$20,001- 25,000	\$25,001- 30,000	\$30,001- 35,000	35,001+	TOTAL
TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	1,143,200	969,476	439,929	275,396	369,677	558,354	453,994	319,350	194,676	178,205	4,902,257
PERCENT OF TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	23.3%	19.8%	9.0%	5.6%	7.5%	11.4%	9.3%	6.5%	4.0%	3.6%	100.0%
TOTAL TITLE IV APPLICANTS	1,152,025	977,788	528,377	368,867	500,019	737,047	598,651	468,176	385,551	2,060,668	7,777,169
PERCENT OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN INCOME RANGE	99.2%	99.2%	83.3%	74.7%	73.9%	75.8%	75.8%	68.2%	50.5%	8.7%	63.0%

TABLE 13 DISTRIBUTION OF TITLE IV FEDERAL PELL GRANT APPLICANTS BY ELIGIBILITY STATUS AND INCOME RANGE (PART 2 OF 4) AWARD PERIOD 1994-95											
DEPENDENT											
	INCOME RANGES										
	\$0- 4,000	\$4,001- 7,500	\$7,501- 10,000	\$10,001- 12,000	\$12,001- 15,000	\$15,001- 20,000	\$20,001- 25,000	\$25,001- 30,000	\$30,001- 35,000	35,001+	TOTAL
TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	193,452	201,526	143,760	116,680	171,549	295,253	265,577	197,879	128,653	139,843	1,854,172
PERCENT OF TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	10.4%	10.9%	7.8%	6.3%	9.3%	15.9%	14.3%	10.7%	6.9%	7.5%	100.0%
TOTAL TITLE IV APPLICANTS	200,930	207,524	150,064	122,946	188,588	335,884	325,153	289,469	265,084	1,791,113	3,876,755
PERCENT OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN INCOME RANGE	96.3%	97.1%	95.8%	94.9%	91.0%	87.9%	81.7%	68.4%	48.5%	7.8%	47.8%

INDEPENDENT WITHOUT DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

	INCOME RANGES										
	\$0- 4,000	\$4,001- 7,500	\$7,501- 10,000	\$10,001- 12,000	\$12,001- 15,000	\$15,001- 20,000	\$20,001- 25,000	\$25,001- 30,000	\$30,001- 35,000	35,001+	TOTAL
TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	537,852	331,782	82,480	19,499	15,890	3,361	136	47	24	37	991,108
PERCENT OF TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	54.3%	33.5%	8.3%	2.0%	1.6%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
TOTAL TITLE IV APPLICANTS	539,183	334,085	164,612	106,684	129,152	141,262	84,462	51,301	32,269	67,981	1,650,991
PERCENT OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN INCOME RANGE	99.8%	99.3%	50.1%	18.3%	12.3%	2.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	60.0%

INDEPENDENT WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE

	INCOME				RANGES						
	\$0- 4,000	\$4,001- 7,500	\$7,501- 10,000	\$10,001- 12,000	\$12,001- 15,000	\$15,001- 20,000	\$20,001- 25,000	\$25,001- 30,000	\$30,001- 35,000	35,001+	TOTAL
TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	411,896	436,168	213,689	139,217	182,238	259,740	188,281	121,424	65,999	38,325	2,056,977
PERCENT OF TOTAL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS	20.0%	21.2%	10.4%	6.8%	8.9%	12.6%	9.2%	5.9%	3.2%	1.9%	100.0%
TOTAL TITLE IV APPLICANTS	411,912	436,179	213,701	139,237	182,279	259,901	189,036	127,406	88,198	201,574	2,249,423
PERCENT OF QUALIFIED APPLICANTS IN INCOME RANGE	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	99.9%	99.6%	95.3%	74.8%	19.0%	91.4%

****NOTE: REJECTED APPLICANTS ARE NOT INCLUDED**